

Frequently Asked Questions (CLGs)

How does my local government become a Certified Local Government?

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program extends the federal and state preservation partnership to the local level. Any city, town, or county that has enacted a historic preservation ordinance, enforces that ordinance through a local preservation commission, and has met requirements outlined in the [Procedures](#) for Georgia's Certified Local Government Program is eligible to become a CLG. Applications for the CLG program are accepted on a rolling basis.

What are the benefits of becoming a CLG?

The benefits of becoming a CLG include eligibility for [federal historic preservation grant funds](#), the opportunity to review local nominations for the [National Register of Historic Places](#) prior to consideration by the Georgia National Register Review Board, opportunities for technical assistance, and improved communication and coordination among local, state, and federal preservation activities. This strong partnership helps guide and support local governments through preservation planning.

How can I find out if my local government is already a CLG?

There is a [listing of local governments in Georgia](#) that have passed a preservation ordinance; CLGs are listed in bold.

My local government is already a Qualified Local Government (QLG), why do we need to become a CLG?

QLG and CLG are often confused! In order to receive state funding, local governments must be qualified by the [Department of Community Affairs](#). Local governments are certified by HPD and the [National Park Service](#). You must be a QLG to receive CLG grants.

We're already a Main Street community. Do we need to become a CLG, too?

[The Main Street program](#) emphasize good local organization, promotion, design, and economic development and have been adapted to meet the needs of many Georgia towns. The CLG program serves communities of all sizes to help integrate historic preservation and the local government, to help thread historic preservation into local land-use policy. Many communities have successfully integrated preservation planning and Main Street programs.

Is there a population requirement for participation in the CLG program?

No, participation is open to local governments of any size.

Can someone help us with the CLG application?

Yes, contact Sarah Rogers, CLG Coordinator, at 770-389-7869 or sarah.rogers@dnr.ga.gov

We're already certified; how do we get technical assistance?

Contact Sarah Rogers, CLG Coordinator, at 770-389-7869 or sarah.rogers@dnr.ga.gov

We're already certified; how do we apply for grants?

Grant applications are automatically sent by HPD's grants coordinator to the CLG contact within each local government. Visit HPD's [federal historic preservation grant funds page](#) for more information. Be sure to update HPD when the staff contact at your local government changes so your community continues to receive information from HPD about grants and the CLG program.

Is there an opportunity for our historic preservation commission (HPC) to get training?

Yes! HPD partners annually for 2-3 HPC training events with Georgia Alliance of Preservation Commissions, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and our local government hosts. Visit the [HPD Conferences, Training & Events section](#) of our website to find the most up-to-date information about all of our training opportunities.